United Nations A/61/426

General Assembly

Distr.: General
12 December 2006

Original: English

Sixty-first session
Agenda item 57

Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Ms. Vanessa **Gomes** (Portugal)

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled:

"Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Industrial development cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 23rd, 27th to 30th, 33rd and 34th meetings, on 30 October, 10, 14 and 17 November and 6 and 8 December 2006. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/61/SR.23, 27-30, 33 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 2 to 4 October (see A/C.2/61/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 (A/61/307);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (A/61/308);

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts, under the symbol A/61/426 and Add.1-2.

06-54948 (E) 141206

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial development cooperation (A/61/305).

4. At its 23rd meeting on 30 October, the Committee heard an introductory statement under sub-item (b) by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

5. At the 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat introduced the report of the Secretary-General under sub-item (a) (A/61/308). A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (see A/C.2/61/SR.27).

6. At the same meeting, pursuant to section C, paragraph 3 (d), of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with representatives, during which a question was posed by the representative of the United States of America, to which the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs responded (see A/C.2/61/SR.27).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (see A/C.2/61/SR.27).